

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Distracted Driving Safety Revised Amendment Act of 2004"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 15-981 as Introduced

Conclusion

The proposed legislation will not impact the District's FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

Licensed drivers convicted of certain driving-related offenses have demerit points recorded on their records. Drivers begin with zero demerit points and accumulate demerit points for convictions. Demerit points stay on the record for two years from the offense date and can lead to driver license suspension or revocation.

The proposed legislation requires that licensed drivers will be assessed demerit points on their records for violation of distracted driving¹ (e.g. using cell telephones) only if the infraction is related to a motor vehicle related accident.

Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation will not impact the District's budget and financial plan.

¹ Law 15-124, "Distracted Driving Safety Act of 2004"; effective March 30, 2004.